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Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the note by the Secretary-General of 30 June 2003 (A/58/108), the General Assembly is required, during its current session, to appoint one member of the Joint Inspection Unit to fill the vacancy that will arise from the expiration on 31 December 2004 of the term of office of Sumihiro Kuyama.

2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the President of the General Assembly, having held the necessary consultations, and on the basis of the candidate submitted by the Group of Asian States, requested Japan to propose a candidate (see annex I).

3. The President of the General Assembly has held the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination. The replies received from the President of the Council and from the Secretary-General to identical letters addressed to them on 26 March 2004 by the President of the Assembly are annexed (see annexes II and III).

4. Having completed the required consultations, the President of the General Assembly has the honour to submit to the Assembly the following candidate for appointment as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2005 and expiring on 31 December 2009:

Tadanori Inomata (Japan)

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Annex I

Letter dated 24 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

At the 57th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, on 5 November 2003, it was decided that the Government of Japan would be invited to nominate a candidate for the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) to serve for a period of five years beginning 1 January 2005. The Government of Japan accordingly would like to propose Ambassador Tadanori Inomata as the candidate for JIU, as we believe he is superbly qualified for the position in article 2, paragraph 1, of the JIU statute.

(*Signed*) Koichi **Haraguchi**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex II

Letter dated 3 May 2004 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour of writing to you in response to your letter of 26 March 2004 regarding the vacancy on the Joint Inspection Unit that will occur on 31 December 2004.

I wish to inform you, in my capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, and in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, that I have reviewed the qualifications of the proposed candidate and I have pleasure in informing you that I am in full agreement with the proposal to nominate Mr. Tadanori Inomata (Japan).

(*Signed*) Marjatta **Rasi**
President of the Economic and Social Council

Annex III

Letter dated 2 July 2004 from the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 26 March 2004 regarding the proposed appointment of a new member of the Joint Inspection Unit.

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, I have the pleasure to inform you that I concur, in my capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, with the appointment of Mr. Tadanori Inomata (Japan) beginning on 1 January 2005 and ending on 31 December 2009.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**